

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)	
Revocation of the Educator)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Certificate of Jacqueline C. Nappier,)	SUSPENSION
Certificate 125908)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 11, 2005.^{PMF} On June 28, 2005, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Jacqueline Cox Nappier a notice of her right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate 125908 by certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery, and regular mail. Ms. Nappier received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing her signature. Ms. Nappier subsequently agreed to waive her right to a hearing and to accept the voluntary suspension of her certificate for a period, that would commence retroactively on February 25, 2005, and end on December 25, 2005. Ms. Nappier also agreed to continue to participate in appropriate counseling as provided by a mental health care professional. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the suspension of Ms. Nappier's certificate.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Nappier holds a South Carolina certificate with over twenty-one years of experience. During the 2002-2003 school year, Ms. Nappier was employed as a special education teacher at Merrywood Elementary School in Greenwood County School District Fifty. Ms. Nappier was suffering from severe depression, as well as other medical problems, and resigned from that position. Following her resignation, an investigation was conducted into allegations of test security

violations believed to have occurred during the spring 2003 administration of PACT. During the investigation, Ms. Nappier admitted that she had copied the PACT-Alt Assessment portfolio of one student for another student's portfolio. Ms. Nappier has been and continues to receive treatment for her depression, as verified by her mental health care professional.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes test security violations. 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-100. The State Board finds that the information presented supports its determination that just cause exists to suspend Ms. Nappier's certificate 125908, commencing retroactively on February 25, 2005, through December 25, 2005. In addition, Ms. Nappier will continue to participate in appropriate counseling as determined by a mental health care professional. If Ms. Nappier wishes to have her certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, Ms. Nappier may make a written request to the Office of Teacher Certification of the Department and provide evidence of continued successful participation in counseling.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

October 11, 2005 ^{PMF}

I, Jacqueline C. Nappier, SC Teaching Certificate 125908, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board of Education for approval on September 14, 2005.

/S/ Jacqueline C. Nappier
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